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Greeting from the Headmaster

Welcome to Montgomery Bell Academy!

To all new boys entering we want you to make this your school. Here you will learn its ideals and experience the values found in its honor system. You will have an opportunity to take part in all its activities, to support its athletic teams, and to become an integral part of all school functions. You will join the hundreds who have become the loyal sons of M.B.A.

M.B.A. is proud of its scholastic tradition and you will want your education to come first. To that end let me urge you to prepare your lessons thoroughly each day, associate with those who possess a scholarly attitude and a desire for an education, and do all possible to succeed in your studies. The teachers are here expressly to help you and are willing to expend every effort to give you the guidance and assistance you need. You will succeed in proportion to your personal application.

M.B.A. has many traditions. Perhaps the greatest is that of making true Southern gentlemen of its students. You will find the portrait of General Robert E. Lee in our front hall because he embodied all those wonderful traits of character which contribute to being a Southern gentleman.

A cordial invitation is extended to all boys to come to my office when I can help you in any way. I want to give you every assistance possible to help you realize your personal ambitions.

To the fine group of boys who attended M.B.A. last year I say "welcome back." We hope you will make this your best year. The success you have scholastically this year, particularly if you are a senior, may determine where you will go to college; therefore you should make every effort possible to do well in your classes.

Let's make this M.B.A.'s finest year!!

R. L. SAGER

Mr. Cooper Joins M.B.A. Faculty

Teaching the classes formerly taught by Mr. Wise, who has resigned to head a new department at the Commerce Union Bank, is Mr. John R. Cooper, a native of Kentucky, but a resident of Nashville since 1942. Mr. Cooper holds degrees from Western Kentucky State Teachers College, and the University of Kentucky, B.A. and M.A., respectively. He has done some additional graduate work at Columbia University in New York. Mr. Cooper's teaching experience has been mainly in Kentucky, where he was a classroom teacher, a principal, and the dean of a small junior college. He has recently been doing substitute teaching in the Davidson County schools as a side line to his regular employment in the Tennessee Department of Employment Security. His wife teaches Mathematics at East High School. The Coopers are members of the Edgefield Baptist Church.

John Cooper, Jr., Mr. Cooper's son, graduated from M.B.A. in 1946. He was a regular on the varsity football team for two years and a very popular boy on the campus. He entered the service and died in a plane accident shortly afterward. Mr. Cooper has always had a warm personal feeling toward the school since it was the Alma Mater of his son.

We are delighted to welcome Mr. Cooper to M.B.A. and we hope that all the boys will make themselves known to him and will cooperate with him in every way.

M.B.A. Calendar

Tuesday, Sept. 4
Registration
Wednesday, Sept. 5
Half-day, starting 8:10
Thursday, Sept. 6
Regular schedule
Friday, Oct. 19
Holiday—teachers' meeting
Week-end, Nov. 22, 23
Thanksgiving holidays
Wednesday, Dec. 19
Christmas holidays begin 3:00 P.M.

Wednesday, Jan. 2
Holidays end at 8:10 A.M.
Friday, Jan. 25
First semester ends
Monday, Jan. 28
Second semester begins
Week of March 25-30
Spring holidays
Saturday, June 1
Commencement
A full week spring vacation in the middle of the second semester which will replace the Easter Holidays. There will be no Easter holidays.

Schedule Adjusted

Classes begin ten minutes earlier this year in order to meet requirements established by the Department of Education as regards science laboratory periods. More students are now taking chemistry than ever before, necessitating four one-hour classes instead of the usual three. Because of this, school will begin at 8:10 each morning and will close at 3:00 in the afternoon.

NROTC Tests to Be Given

The Department of Navy announces that the qualifying tests for NROTC will be given Saturday, Dec. 8.

Boys who would be interested in applying for this should see Dr. Sager at once.

Senior Leaders Register for Final Year's Work

John Murphy, alternate captain of the Maroons, is finding time this year to be president of St. Henry's C.Y.O. and to be sergeant-at-arms of his fraternity. As he registers this week, he will start off a rather busy year.

Don Brothers, Maroon captain, is not going to be outdone in activity by anyone. He is vice-president of his fraternity and serves as usher at the First Baptist Church. He holds that nothing is going to stop his team from heading toward another state championship.

Russ Hooper, a member of the Honor Council last year, is Feature editor of the BELL RINGER this year. Russ sees a busy year ahead as he keeps up his high scholastic average as well as doing journalism and playing basketball.

Rollin Lasseter, BELL RINGER editor, is registering with the thought that his other extracurricular activities, such as the Forensic Club and the Nashville District of Episcopal youth work, will fill up much of his leisure time.

Brad Reed, a really busy person, is president of Totomol Society and editor of THE BELL for this year. He will have to find time to be president of his fraternity and lieutenant governor of the Key Club in Middle Tennessee. Brad will also be working toward making one of the highest averages in the senior class.

Jody Wallace, president of both Hi-Y and Key Club, is also treasurer of his fraternity and a member of Totomol. He will be working as assistant editor of the BELL RINGER and holding his 90+ average.

Dr. Sager, headmaster, hopes that all those who register this year will have as outstanding records as these boys.

Record Enrollment Reached This Year

The year 1956-57 will show a record enrollment at M.B.A. As school opens Tuesday, September 4, 236 boys will sign the historic register of Tennessee's oldest prep school. The Freshman class alone will add 63 new boys to the school. (The largest class on record entered the school in 1952 with 64 boys.)

The Sophomore class will gain seven new faces and the Junior class one. The Seniors will lose one of their 45 nevertheless, which will cut them short of being the largest graduating class in a decade.

Dr. R. L. Sager, headmaster, commented that the size of M.B.A.'s enrollment was but another evidence of the growing nation-wide interest in the private school.

"There has been in the past few years an awakening on the part of the general public to the advantages of private and preparatory school training," Chancellor Harvey Branscomb of Vanderbilt University said recently.

Not only in the South, but in the entire United States the waiting lists of private institutions of learning are growing steadily despite the limited capacity of

these schools. M.B.A. is but one of the many Tennessee prep schools that are experiencing this growth. And in all probability the demands for admission are to become more numerous in the years to come. Such an increase foretells a bright future for M.B.A. and all her sister schools throughout the Southland.

New boys on the campus to be found this year are:

JUNIOR SCHOOL

Mason Roughland, Ralph Chandler, David Patterson, Bill Cate, John Marshall, Ames Davis, Wilson Wattenbarger, John Myhr, Kil Wharton, Orville White III, Meredith Caldwell III, George Huntley, Roy Acuff, Chas. Ransom, Jr., Cam McCoy, Phillip Hendrickson.

HIGH SCHOOL

Dick Barry, Mike Thompson, Douglas Love, Alex Palmer, Leighton Carmichael, Sam Glasgow, Weldon White, Joe Howell, Bobby Wood, Russell Hart, Lewis Dale, Bandy Wenning, Bobby Frist, Tony Seville, Mike Pemberton, John Witherspoon, Allen Wallace, Jack McClelland, Buddy Caffery, Chris Cockrill, Jud Harwood, Bucky Friar, Mike Sheffield, Ross Cheshire III, Alan Glenn, Joe Moss, Jr., Sam Robertson, Wendell Spicer, Wilson Fruher, Billy Bob Whitmer, John Garrett, Billy Griffin, Jack Collin, Rance Conley, Dicky Crichtlow, Reau Estes, Paul Simpson, Don Shriver, William Cunningham, Frank Cherry, Hubert Gerald, Robt. Mathes, Milton Smith, Mike Marler, Buck Berryhill, Billy Wood, Ronny Sadler, De Kennard, Billy Crawford, Robt. Yates, Randy Kroner, Tommy Bainbridge, Laird Smith.

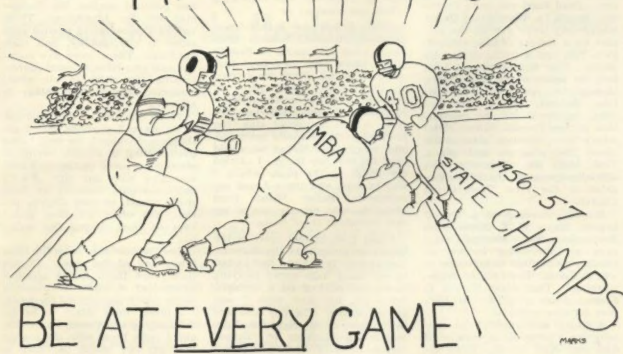
The BELL RINGER staff is glad to see all these "examples of a trend" and wishes them the best of luck for their life on the hill.



Football Season Begins Friday Night

THE TEAM'S READY ARE YOU?

Maroons to Meet East High Eagles



Maroon Highlights

by Squid Reed

The M.B.A. Maroons open defense of their state title tomorrow night at Frank Andrews Field against the Grey Eagles of East High. Coach Hillary Martin's Eagles chances of an upset were considerably dampened by the loss of track star Travis Huftines because of a thigh injury sustained in early drills.

East will play the spoiler's role in the race for the AAA crown. Because of a new NIL rule, the Eagles are not eligible to take the title since their schedule does not include all the other teams in class AAA. However East will be improved over last year's team which was trounced by the Big Red 33-6.

M.B.A. and Litton again? The race for laurels in the NIL appears to be a fight between the Maroons and the Lions from Litton for the third straight year with monstrous Goodlettsville having a fighting chance.

The NIL coaches have picked Litton as the No. 1 team mainly because of a big and experienced forward wall. Only two of last year's starting line were lost by graduation. The Lion backfield is sparked by Floyd Wallace, possibly one of the best backs in the state.

But the Maroons aren't swallowing any idea of Litton taking the championship trophy. A strong line, consisting of ends David Duke and Tom Husband, tackles Don Brothers and John Murphree, guards Buddy Skinner, Ronnie Grubbs and Wade Elam, and center John Muse will be able to punish any team. An inexperienced but fast and shifty backfield including Tommy Murphree (QB), Ed Creagh and Billy Hunter (HB), and Ransom White or Billy Crawford (FB) will be doing the ball carrying. Bowyer Cheshire (E), Bill Barr (T), Runcie Clements (C), Buddy Foxall and John Dale (QB), and Emmett Dozier (HB) provide some of the much needed depth; but injuries at vital spots could hurt a great deal.

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Coach Owen Lists Roster

Coach Tommy Owen has announced a roster of thirty-five boys who make up the 1956 M.B.A. football team.

	Class	No.	Wt.
ENDS			
BEARD, Robin	12	82	150
CLAY, John	10	81	180
CHESHIRE, Boyer	12	85	151
DUKE, David	11	83	167
HOFFER, Carl	12	84	156
HUSBAND, Tom	12	80	190
THURMAN, Jim	12	87	155
WOODWARD, Jim	11	86	155
TACKLES			
BARR, Bill	11	73	180
BROTHERS, Don	12	72	173
FRANKLIN, John	11	74	185
HUSBAND, Dick	10	71	200
MURPHREE, John	12	70	185
WILLIAMS, Dick	11	73	185
GUARDS			
CARPENTER, John	11	63	165
GRUBBS, RONNIE	12	62	165
ELAM, Wade	12	64	165
GRUBBS, Ronnie	12	62	165
McGUGIN, George	11	65	151
SKINNER, Buddy	12	60	172
GRIFFIN, Whitney	10	61	191
CENTERS			
CLEMENTS, Runcie	12	52	156
MUSE, John	11	50	235
McKNIGHT, Wirt	11	51	154
QUARTERBACKS			
DALE, John	11	11	154
MURPHREE, Tom	11	12	151
FOXALL, Buddy	12	10	190
HALFBACKS			
BRUSH, Tony	12	44	144
CREAGH, Ed	11	45	156
DOZIER, Emmett	12	42	140
HUDDLESTON, Clay	12	24	140
HUNTER, Billy	12	23	162
RAIFORD, Bobby	10	22	135
FULLBACKS			
CRAWFORD, Billy	10	33	175
JEWELL, Steve	11	32	146
WHITE, Ransom	12	34	157

Former Maroon Athlete Returns to Coach J. V.

Bill Brown has taken on the job as M.B.A.'s new Junior Varsity coach. A 1953 graduate of this school, he played J.V. football his freshman year and J.V. basketball his Sophomore year.

He also was a fine end on the Varsity squad his sophomore, junior and senior years. Baseball was also one of his sports during his last two years. Bill was a mem-

ber of the Monogram Club and student council in his sophomore, junior, and senior days.

Now at Vanderbilt, he is a physics major and a fine swimmer and trackman. He wants to teach and coach, and he and Coach Owen will be working hard to make this year's J.V. team one of the best in M.B.A.'s history.

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Friday night, September 7, is the opening of another great season of M.B.A. football. The defending State Champs of Maroonland start their 1956 schedule against the East High Eagles and hope to run their consecutive string of undefeated games to twenty.

Coach Tommy Owen has been working hard to get a football machine clicking that will post a win over East.

Outstanding performances will be expected from the fourteen lettering men returning to this year's squad and from the capable new members who have been added as a result of the loss of nine men from last year.

A few injuries plagued the pre-season drills, but Coach Owen is confident that the squad is in fine shape and will pull a victory out of the AAA NIL scrap.

Fall Sports Start This Week

The athletic might of Maroon football and tennis squads will be tested this season in a bright array of fall sports activities. The crispness of autumn air, the shouts of cheering sections, and the lure of clean competition awaits players and fans alike as the Big Red rolls its powerful athletic machines onward.

Dominating the sports picture is, of course, the spectacular of the gridiron, football. M.B.A. will attempt to hold her prestige as State Champs against a raft of fine NIL grid teams. Bringing back title hopes are All-City end Tom Husband, captains Don Brothers and John Murphree, defensive ace Ronny Grubbs and Buddy Skinner and fleet backs Billy Hunter and Ed Creagh. Coach Tommy Owen is looking for new prospects coming up from the Junior Varsity to set the field afire with enthusiasm and desire for hard play.

J.V. football brings together an outstanding squad of Freshmen and Sophomores, and under mentor Bill Brown hopes to revenge some black spots on its '55 record.

The Microbe squad is looking for another successful year as it faces a tough slate of 7th district grammar school teams. Returning letter men will give the team a hard background, while the coach is looking for promising players entering school this fall.

M.B.A.'s NIL champion netmen will seek to keep their authority in fall tennis this year. Top men Brad Reed, Wylie McDougall, and Eddie Murrey will pound the fuzzy ball for Coach Jim Rule's team. Our fall tennis schedule will be dominated by Mid-South Association teams including Baylor, McCallie, Darlington and S. M. A.

As the sport spotlight falls on M.B.A. and its championship teams this autumn, the picture will be altered slightly with new faces, but the same Big Red spirit, drive, and determination of preceding years will still be present.

1956 Football Schedule

x Sept. 7—East
x Sept. 14—Goodlettsville
* Sept. 21—Clarksville
x Sept. 28—Ryan
x Oct. 12—Cohn
Oct. 19—Springfield
x Oct. 26—DuPont
x Nov. 2—Hillsboro
x Nov. 9—Litton
x Conference Games
* Home Games

M.B.A. Soph Wins 3 Tournaments

This summer while everyone was working, M.B.A. Sophomore, Eddie Murrey, was busy winning tennis tournaments. Murrey started by taking the state Jaycee Tournament in Oak Ridge. He defeated Alex Welford of Memphis in the semis 6-4, 6-4, and took Howdy Johnson of Knoxville in the finals 6-4, 6-0.

In the Tennessee Open Murrey tipped Welford in three sets and then smashed Johnson 6-4, 6-0 again. Murrey teamed with Welford to take the doubles.

Eddie lost to Welford in the finals of the Mississippi Valley Tourney 6-2, 6-4. They then teamed to take the doubles from Johnson and Don Sweeney 6-4, 6-1.

Cheerleaders Selected

The M.B.A. football team has selected the five girl cheerleaders for the football season. Four of them—Carol Davidson, Mike Larsen, Judy Lackey, and Linda Christie are veterans of last year's activities. The fifth, who will serve for the first time this year, is Pat Spickard. The five girls attend Harpeth Hall.

Returning this year is our own Bill Lightfoot, whose enthusiastic spirit in past years has made him an outstanding cheerleader. If the entire school will get behind this group and give the grid team a spirited punch, M.B.A. will again cop NIL and state honors as an athletic powerhouse.

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There Is No Sorrow

by R. A. L. III

There is no sorrow like the rain
That falleth at a football game
And drippeth down between your
toes
And rolls in droplets off your
nose.

The while you try to watch the
play
The droplets on your lashes stay
And wait their chance to run in
streams
Down cheek to neck—so cold it
seems.

The players stand and shiver there
As wind adds to the icy air.
And mud in cakes sticks to their
face
As they sink through the muck

without a trace.

The center wonders how to tell
This gridiron from the realms of
"Venezuela."
The backs discover that the ball
They're using isn't one at all,
But rather is somebody's shoe.
"I wonder what depth that guy's
sunk to?"

The faithful fans within the stands
Have given up warming up their
hands,
And now are running contests new
To see who achieves the richest
blue.

And I in lowly silence sit;
To stay at all takes lots of grit.

M.B.A. Teacher Sings With Godfrey

Mrs. J. K. Breast, our Glee Club director, became a distinguished personality this past summer. She and her husband went to New York about the middle of June after she accepted an offer to appear on Arthur Godfrey's Talent Scouts T.V. show. Her second place win brought her the opportunity to appear on Godfrey's morning show for a week. She was such a hit that Godfrey asked her to stay on for a second week. She also sang on his Wednesday night show. The program consisted mainly of a costume skit entitled "These are the Good Old Days—Hal!" Stars were Pat Boone the Hilltoppers, and Jeanette Davis. Mrs. Breast was on stage for nearly the entire hour.

Immediately following the show of June 26, Godfrey asked her if she would sing two songs at the testimonial dinner for Senator Walter George in Washington, D. C.

"When does the plane leave?" Mrs. Breast excitedly bubbled. The dinner, a \$100-a-plate affair, was a singular honor for Mrs. Breast as she afforded the evening's only musical entertainment.

Adlai Stevenson, Sen. Kefauver, Sen. Symington, Sen. Smithers (who greatly impressed Mrs. Breast) and many other important Democrats attended the affair.

Mrs. Breast found it a wonderful experience to appear with so many famous entertainers. She was favorably impressed with all the personalities she met on the trip, including Arthur Godfrey, whom she found extremely cordial. She is eagerly looking forward to her return to New York on September 16, when she will sing on Godfrey's show for almost two weeks.

Alumni Notes

The colleges where 1956 graduating class will enter this fall are: Robert Hill Adkerson, Vanderbilt; Philip Howard Boyd, Duke; Ivan Ellis Brown, Jr., Univ. of Texas; Horace Franklin Burkholder, Jr., Univ. of Ky.; James Gardner, Cecil, Jr., Vanderbilt; Joseph Thompson Dickinson, Jr., Presby. Jr. College, Maxton, N.C.; Slayden Diehl, Cornell; Francis Ferdinand Drowota, III, Vanderbilt; Thomas Fearn Frist, Jr., Vanderbilt; Henry Thomas Hurt, III, Middle Tennessee; James Robert Kellam, III, Vanderbilt; Harry Howse Lawson, Vanderbilt; Richard Dodson Martin, Vanderbilt; Thurman Thurston McLean, Jr., Univ. Tenn.; William Waitman Morehead, III, Vanderbilt; Edgar Anderson Overton, Univ. Tenn.; James Murray Perry, Jr., Vanderbilt; John Calhoun Provine, Harvard; Marvin Wayne Rackard, Univ. Tenn.; John McKain Rolfe, Vanderbilt; James Doss Rule, Columbia; Richard Lee Sager, Jr., Vanderbilt; Jesse Quinby Seawell, III, Vanderbilt; William Atkinson Smith, Jr., Ga. Tech.; Richard Allen Sobel, Jr., Vanderbilt; Richard Hugh Sullivan, Jr., Vanderbilt; John Holland Sutton, Jr., Peabody; Samuel Wallace Vail, Case Institute; Lillard Thompson Walker, Jr., Univ. Tenn.; Homer Whitworth Watson, III, S.M.U.; Edward James White, Vanderbilt; Jack Phillips Williams, Vanderbilt.

Key Clubbers Attend Convention

During the summer two M.B.A. boys took an interesting trip to Dallas, Texas, where the Key Club International held their convention. Brad Reed and John Brothers caught a plane for Dallas where they were met at the airport by a former M.B.A. student, Pete Tart and a friend of his, Bo Miller. Pete took Brad and John into his home where they stayed through the rest of the convention. Sunday, July 1, Brad and John registered for the convention at the Conrad Hilton Hotel where they received information about the program and plans. That night the convention was officially opened to the 2,000 delegates at the First Presbyterian Church.

Monday morning at a kickoff brunch, Major W. E. Mayer from Brookmeade Army Medical Center gave an interesting lecture on psychiatric findings in prisoners of war in Korea, "Facts About Brainwashing." That night Harold E. Stassen made a speech on Ike's plan for disarmament.

A special attraction of the evening was a personal appearance of film star Kim Novak. Brad especially enjoyed this. The next morning Key Club educational meetings were held. These meetings were to prepare the delegates to help their own clubs. Nominations for officers in Key Club International were held that afternoon. On the next day, July 4, elections were held. Gordon Lathrop of Sherman Oaks, Calif., was elected president by unanimous vote. Also elected was Trustee Jerry Murrell of Knoxville, Tenn.

After a farewell lunch on Wednesday afternoon the convention was adjourned. Thursday Brad and John flew home with many interesting stories to tell about their trip.

My View of Boys' State

by Jodie Wallace

To me Boys' State was an experience like no other. The chance to study and to compete with many of the greatest boys in the state of Tennessee was something I had not planned on.

When I left for C.H.M.A. at Lebanon, June 11, I knew little about what was going to happen and I knew only two boys that would be going. When we arrived on the campus, each citizen of Boys' State was given an envelope containing the day's schedule, the place where he would stay, the political party he would belong to and many other things he would need his first day there. I carried my trunk to the place where I was to stay, and there I met my roommate, Bailey Walsh from Memphis, who became one of my best friends at Boys' State.

I had thought that most of the boys were going to be the studious non-athletic type and I had looked to see many high-brows carrying books and putting on a sophisticated air, but how soon I was proved wrong. The boy who was in the room on my right was Billy Majors, the brother of "Drum" Majors of U. T. and on my left was Jerry Shattuck, who was voted All East Tennessee in foot-

ball last year. Then when I walked outside I met Ron Brooks, All State basketball from Rogersville.

Boys' State was divided into two political parties, the Jacksonian and the Johnsonian. These two parties competed against each other in city, county, and state elections. There were five counties and two cities to each county, making ten cities in all which competed against each other in athletics.

There was never a dull moment. If we weren't studying about our state's government, we were either participating in athletic events or elections or were on the drill field marching with our city. Each day's schedule included an hour study period, an hour athletic period, and other activities which kept us busy during the entire day.

The last few days were the most interesting of the week. During these days there was a physical fitness day, a track meet, and a dance which highlighted the week.

I found Boys' State to be an outstanding experience in my life, and I came home with the feeling that any boy would be lucky to have the opportunity to go next year.

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